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Russia No Longer Requires Veterinary Certificates for Key Imported Feeds of Plant Origin Including Soybean Meal, Grains for Feeds and DDGs

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Report Highlights:

On August 22, 2012, the date of Russia's WTO accession, as was prescribed by the Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 810 of September 23, 2011, the Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (VPSS) stopped requiring veterinary certificates for some imported products, including grains for feed and feeds of plant origin such as soybean meal and Distiller's Dried Grains (DDGs). This measure is expected to help facilitate imports of feeds necessary for the development of Russia's livestock and poultry industries, and is expected to allow for greater shipments from the United States of some of these products.

General Information:

On August 22, 2012, the date of Russia's WTO accession, the Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 810 of September 23, 2011 came to force. The Decision excluded some key feed products imported to the territory of the Russian Federation from veterinary control at the border. This means that veterinary certificates are no longer required for these products. The list of products exempt from veterinary control includes some processed animal products and feeds of plant origin, such as grains for feed, soybeans and soybean meal and cake, DDGs and some other feeds. The unofficial translation of the text of the Decision No. 810 and the list of products that no longer require veterinary certificates are in the Annex to this report. Officials from the Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (VPSS) confirmed that VPSS has stopped surveying these products and requiring veterinary certificate for these products beginning August 22, 2012. For imports of these products to the territory of other members of the Customs Union (Belarus and Kazakhstan), veterinary certificates are still required.

Comments

Russian demand for feeds and feed ingredients is growing in line with the rapid development of the domestic poultry and livestock industries. Thus, imports of oilseed cake and meal, and products of milling and oilseeds extraction industries (HS categories 2302 -2306) increased by 34 percent in the last three years: from 434,900 metric tons (MT) in 2009 to 583,450 MT in 2011 and in the first 7 months of CY 2012 exceeded 290,000 MT. The most significant portion of these imports is soybean meal (HS number 2304), followed by residues of starch, brewing and distilling manufacturing (HS number 2303). Thus, imports of soybean meal (HS number 2304) increased from 2009 to 2011 by 33 percent to 523,967 MT, and in the first 7 months of 2012 was 266,122 MT. However, imports from the U.S. have decreased and the requirement of veterinary certificate for these products has been one of the major obstacles to exports. The lifting of Russia's veterinary certificate requirement will facilitate exports of these products from the United States to Russia.

Annex 1. Decision of the Commission of the Customs Union No. 810 of September 23, 2011.

**DECISION
of the Commission of the Customs Union
No. 810 of September 23, 2011**

**On the waiver of application of veterinary measures in respect of goods included in the unified list of goods
subject to veterinary control (supervision)**

Customs Union Commission **decided:**

1. To establish that the competent authorities of the Russian Federation does not carry out veterinary control of the following commodities included in the unified list of goods subject to veterinary control (supervision) approved by the Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 on June 18, 2010, and imported into the territory of the Russian Federation from third countries (list of excluded commodities is attached).
2. The Russian Federation shall ensure the movement of commodities specified in the attachment to this Decision to the territory of other Parties in accordance with the Uniform Veterinary (Veterinary-

Sanitary) Requirements for the Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Supervision), approved by the Customs Union Commission Decision No. 317 of 18 June 2010.

3. This Decision shall take effect pursuant to Article 8 of the Treaty on the Customs Union Commission of October 6, 2007, but not earlier than the date of accession of the Russian Federation to the World Trade Organization.

Members of the Commission of the Customs Union:

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APPROVED
by the Decision of the Customs Union Commission
of September 23, 2011. No. 810

HS Code	Description of goods
1001 10 000 0 (only for feed)	Wheat, hard
1001 90 990 0 (only for feed)	Wheat, soft
1002 00 000 0 (only for feed)	Rye
1003 00 900 0 (only for feed)	Barley
1004 00 000 0 (only for feed)	Oat
1005 90 000 0 (only for feed)	Corn, other
1201 00 900 0 (only for feed)	Soybeans
From 1208	Flours and meals of seeds or fruits of oilseeds (excluding mustard seeds) used for animal feed

From 1211	Plants and parts thereof (including seeds and fruits), used in insecticides and similar purposes, or in veterinary medicine, fresh or dried, whole or milled, crushed or ground
1213 00 000 0	Straw and chaff of cereals, raw, chopped or crushed, ground or not ground, pressed or in granular form
1214	Swede, beet leaf (spinach), fodder roots, hay, alfalfa, clover, sainfoin, forage kale, lupines, vetches and similar forage products, granular or non-granular
1516 20	Fats and oils and their fractions
From 1902 20	Pasta stuffed, whether or not cooked or otherwise prepared, containing fish, crustaceans, shell-fish or other aquatic invertebrates, sausages, meat, meat offal, blood, or products of Chapter 04, or any combination of these products1
From 1904 20	Cereals (except corn) in grain form or in the form of flakes or grains treated with different way (except flour and meal), pre-cooked or otherwise prepared, containing fish, crustaceans, shell-fish or other aquatic invertebrates, sausages, meat, meat offal, blood, or products of Chapter 04, or any combination of these products1
From 20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants, and mixtures thereof, with content of sausages, meat, meat offal, blood, fish or crustaceans, shell-fish or other aquatic invertebrates, or products of Chapter 04, or any combination of these products1
From 2102 20	Yeast inactive, other dead single-celled microorganisms that are used in feeding animals
From 2104	Soups and broths and preparations thereof (except vegetable); homogenized composite food preparations containing sausage, meat, meat offal, blood, fish, crustaceans, shell-fish and other invertebrates, or products Chapter 04, or any combination of these products1
From 2105 00	Ice cream, except for ice cream, worked out on the basis of fruits and berries, fruit and edible ice1
From 2106	Cream cheeses and other food preparations containing sausage, meat, meat offal, blood, fish, crustaceans, shell-fish and other invertebrates, or products of Chapter 04, or any combination thereof1
From 2302	Bran, sharps and other residues of sifting, milling or other working of cereals or legumes, non-granular or granulated, used in animal feeding
From 2303	Residues of starch manufacturing and similar residues, beet-pulp, bagasse, or sugar cane bagasse and other waste of sugar processing, DDGS and other waste from the brewing and distilling, not granular or granulated, used in animal feeding
From 2304 00 000	Oil-cake, meal and other solid residues, resulting from the extraction of soybean oil, ground or non-ground, granulated or non-granulated, used in animal feeding
From 2306	Oil-cake, meal and other solid residues, resulting from the extraction of vegetable fats or oils, other than those of heading 2304 or 2305, ground or, non-ground, granulated or non-granulated, used in animal feeding
2308 00	Products of plant origin and waste of plants, plants residues and by-products, not granulated, or granulated, used for animal feeding, not elsewhere specified or included
From Chapter 29	Organic chemicals (for veterinary use)

From 3507	Ferments (enzymes), enzyme preparations, not elsewhere specified or included (for veterinary use)
From 3821 00 000 0	Prepared culture media for cultivation, for veterinary use

1) ready-made food products, which does not contain raw meat components or contain less than half (50%) of the other processed products of animal origin, provided that such products are securely packaged or sealed in clean containers and can be stored at room temperature or in the production process was brought up to full readiness or was thermally treated entirely up to the total change of the natural properties of the raw product.